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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7918

INFO AMCONSUL LORENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

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AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

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TAGS: PINS, PO

SUBJ: MORE PAMPHLET CANISTERS EXPLODE; MAY DAY

REF: LISBON 1509 OF 5/3/72

1. ON APRIL 29 LARGE NUMBER OF CANISTERS WERE DETONATED
IN 18 WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS THROUGHOUT PORTUGAL.
ACCORDING PRESS, MOST CANISTERS EXPLODED IN INDUSTRIAL
CENTERS NEAR LISBON AND OPORTO, AND WERE SET OFF BY "SUB-
VERSIVE AGENTS." TWO OPORTO CHILDREN REPORTEDLY
INJURED-- INCLUDING EIGHT- YEAR OLD BOY WHO
SUFFERED FIRST- DEGREE FACIAL BURNS. AS WAS CASE DURING LAST
RASH OF CANISTER EXPLOSIONS FOUR MONTHS AGO (LISBON 0008)
NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STRESS PERSONAL INJURY TO CHILDREN
AS EVIDENCE OF CALLOUSNESS OF SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.

2. CANISTER DETONATIONS PROBABLY CONNECTED WITH
PLANNED MAY DISTURBANCES. IN RECENT WEEKS
PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY FLYERS HAVE APPEARED IN LISBON
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CALLING FOR WORK STOPPAGES AND ENCOURAGING STREET
DEMONSTRATIONS ON MAY 1; REPORTEDLY ANTI- REGIME
GATHERING SCHEDULED IN MAIN SQUARES OF DOWNTOWN LISBON.
AMCONSUL OPORTO REPORTS PLANS FOR SIMILAR MEETING.

3. GOP SO FAR TAKING LOW- KEY APPROACH TO MAY 1 IN
CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR (REFTEL) WHEN PRE- MAY DAY POLICE
COMMUNIQUES WARNED CITIZENRY AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS AND
REPORTED LARGE SCALE PROPAGANDA AND SABOTAGE CAMPAIGNS
PLANNED BY SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.

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